



The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.

2024 Financial Status Update

How did MPERS fare over the last fiscal year? Click below to view the 2024 Financial Status Update with Executive Director, Scott Simon.



Educational Opportunities:



Mid-Career Checkup for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan Members

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: November 11th

[Register](#)

MPERS Receives Award for 21st Consecutive Year

MPERS has applied for and received the Public Pension Coordinating Council's Public Pension Standards Award each year since 2004. The award is given in recognition of meeting professional plan design and administration standards.

To receive the Recognition Award for Administration, the retirement system must certify that it meets the requirements in five areas of assessment. Those areas are:

1. **Comprehensive Benefit Program.** The system must provide a comprehensive benefit program including service retirement benefits, in-service death benefits, disability benefits, vesting, and provisions for granting a cost-of-living adjustment.

2. **Actuarial.** An Actuarial Valuation must be completed at least every two years using generally-recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices.

3. **Audit.** The system must obtain an unqualified opinion from an independent audit conducted following government auditing standards generally accepted in the United States.

4. **Investments.** The system must follow written investment policies and written fiduciary standards and the system must obtain an annual investment performance evaluation from an outside investment review entity.

5. **Communications.** Members must be provided a handbook or summary plan description, regular updates to the documents, and an annual benefit statement. Meetings of the governing board of the system are conducted at least quarterly with adequate public notice.

The Public Pension Coordinating Council is a confederation of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), and the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR).

To learn more about this award, please visit the [Public Pension Coordinating Council page](#).



Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
December 1	August 1-October 31	November 30

November Events

- 11 - Veterans Day, office closed
- 13 - Mid-Career Checkup webinar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan members [register here](#)
- 28 - Thanksgiving Day, office closed
- 30 - Deadline to submit step 1 -*Notice of Retirement* for January 1 retirement



We value your feedback!
 What would you like to see in ***The Pensioner: Looking Forward?***
 Send comments and suggestions to Julie.West@mpers.org.

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